

General Prayer

16th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named,

We worship You for Your wonderful wisdom, Your mighty works, and Your perfect holiness, but we especially praise You for adopting us into Your family through the suffering and death of Your dear Son, that through faith in Jesus we might enter with confidence into Your presence and bring to You our prayers and requests. Let Your mercy and grace descend on us like the morning dew, giving us life and breath, health and contentment, and deliver us from every kind of danger to body or soul.

Above all we ask You to look upon our moral helplessness, spiritual blindness, and the evil we have no power to remedy, and visit us with life and salvation. By Your Holy Spirit strengthen us inwardly with the gift of true faith and trust in Christ alone.

Let the love of Christ fill our hearts in this place, and throughout Your entire Church, that having been reborn unto salvation and righteousness we might bring forth the fruits of faith in our lives. Instill in us a genuine love for all people, especially our fellow-believers. Give us compassion for all who are in need, and forgiveness for all enemies. May the love we show in our lives cause others to glorify You, O Lord, for You are the author of all good things.

Bestow upon the nations of the earth such knowledge of Your glory and grace that they may turn to You, the only true God, and Your Son Jesus Christ, and find salvation. Grant also Your favor upon this land of ours, that more and more people within her borders may turn from evil, come to faith in Christ, and be filled with peace and joy. O Lord, give a special measure of Your power to those who are in sorrow or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive Your blessed aid. And when You see fit to allow us to experience chastening and correction, help us to bear up under our trials in faith, knowing that You are controlling all things for our eternal good. These and all other needful things we ask through our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.